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For	: VOICE/MUSICAL SOUND ENCODING DEVICE AND VOICE/MUSICAL SOUND ENCODING METHOD	

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Official Action of May 28, 2008, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on August 28, 2008, this response is being concurrently submitted with a Request for a Two-Month Extension of time from August 28, 2008 to October 28, 2008 and the corresponding extension of time fee. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this Response.